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BUMEDINST 6320.76
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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6320.76

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: PATIENT IDENTIFICATION BAND

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6320.71

1. Purpose. To provide for the use of patient identification bands.

2. Cancellation. NAVMEDCOMINST 6320.5A.

3. Background. Proper identification for patients receiving surgery, blood replacement, therapy, medication, and diagnostic examination is a requirement. The use of inpatient identification bands is a simple, inexpensive method of positive patient identification.

4. Action

a. Secure an identification band to the left wrist of each patient at the time of admission. If medically impractical to use the left wrist, place the band on the right wrist, left ankle, or right ankle in that order. See reference (a) for identification band procedures for the newborn and mother.

b. Identification items on the insert card of the band must include as a minimum:

- (1) Patient's full name.
- (2) Military status or relationship to sponsor.
- (3) Social security number (sponsor's social security number for active duty and retiree dependents).
- (4) Register number.
- (5) Date of admission.

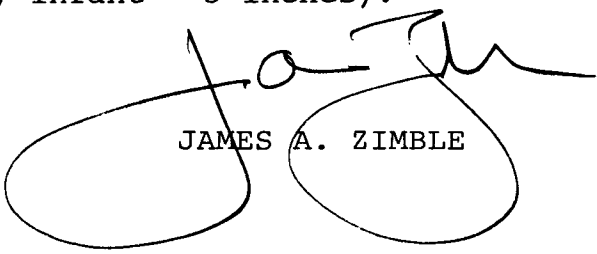


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5. Supplies. Identification bands are available in the Federal Supply Catalog, COG 9L, under NSN 6530-00-982-5118 (7 1/2 inches), NSN 6530-01-166-3494 (9 inches), NSN 6530-00-104-7631 (11 11/16 inches), and NSN 6530-00-104-7639 (mother and infant set; mother - 8 1/2 inches, infant - 5 inches).



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